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# THE PANTHER

The Official Student Newspaper of Prairie View A&M University

## How sweet it is! Victory gives the Panther football program new view for the future

By Olin T. Flowers  
Sports Editor

The Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU) fighting Panthers finally ended their NCAA-record 10-game losing streak with a last minute 14-12 victory over Langston Saturday night.

Their key to victory was a 56-yard run by Kevin Bell in the second half.

Coach Carl "Chip" Williams called the winning play. "I knew their defensive end was overplaying the run. I called 49 sweep and it was open to the wide side of the field," he said.

Langston came back late in the game and scored and could tie the game with a two-point conversion, but the Panthers stopped them at the goal line with 34 seconds remaining.

"Our boys never gave up the fight and were confi-



photo by Glenn Russell

Prairie View students celebrate their first win in over a decade by pulling down the goal post at Langston University

dent we could come home with a victory the entire game," said Williams.

"The streak is over!!! It stops here!!!" shouted a jubilant Charles Porter who was announcing the game live from Oklahoma for 91.3 KPvu.

Then it started.

Joyous fans swarmed the fields at Langston and here at PVAMU, tore down the goal posts.

At PVAMU, the entire student body stormed the football field and joined in a celebration that ended with the goal posts being toted to

the president's house and deposited on his front lawn. The Panthers had finally achieved a victory.

Ironically, the Panthers defeated Langston to end the streak, the very team that started it back in 1989, and is the former home of PVAMU's head coach Greg Johnson.

PVAMU is in the winner's circle, on the inside looking out. But what does this really mean?

The win has far more important ramifications than everyone realizes for the team, the university, and the student body as well.

The University had an official pep rally with full media coverage, an address by President Hines during which he canceled class and declared Friday 'Pantherday', a presentation of the key to the city to

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\* Set your Homecoming out with the list of activities for the upcoming week



## Mr. PV title revoked, new man reigns



photo courtesy of Eric Johnson

Former Mr. Prairie View, Eric Johnson, and son spend quality time.

By Quevarra M. Moten  
Panther Staff

The title of Mr. Prairie View no longer belongs to the man who received the coveted crown last spring.

Eric D. Johnson, who was crowned Mr. Prairie View on April 16, 1998, no longer carries the title. The new Mr. Prairie View is Wayne D. Johnson.

The question of how this decision surfaced was an-

swered through a breach of contract on the part of Johnson.

As stated in the Mr. Prairie View A & M University Scholarship Program Release and Indemnity Agreement, the student who wins the title cannot be the father of a child.

After talking to several students, their views of the whole situation were generally in agreement that someone who has a child can still fulfill the duties of being a representative of the University.

However, officials in-

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## "Battle of the Bands" turns violent, injures members

By Nikkia C. Sams and  
SaKinna L. Thomas  
Panther Staff

A group of Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU) Marching Storm band students were injured in an altercation, which occurred when PVAMU played Southern University at a neutral site in Beaumont, Texas on Sept. 19.

Seven PVAMU students were treated on site. Subsequently, several other PVAMU band members were transported to a Beaumont area hospital for observation.

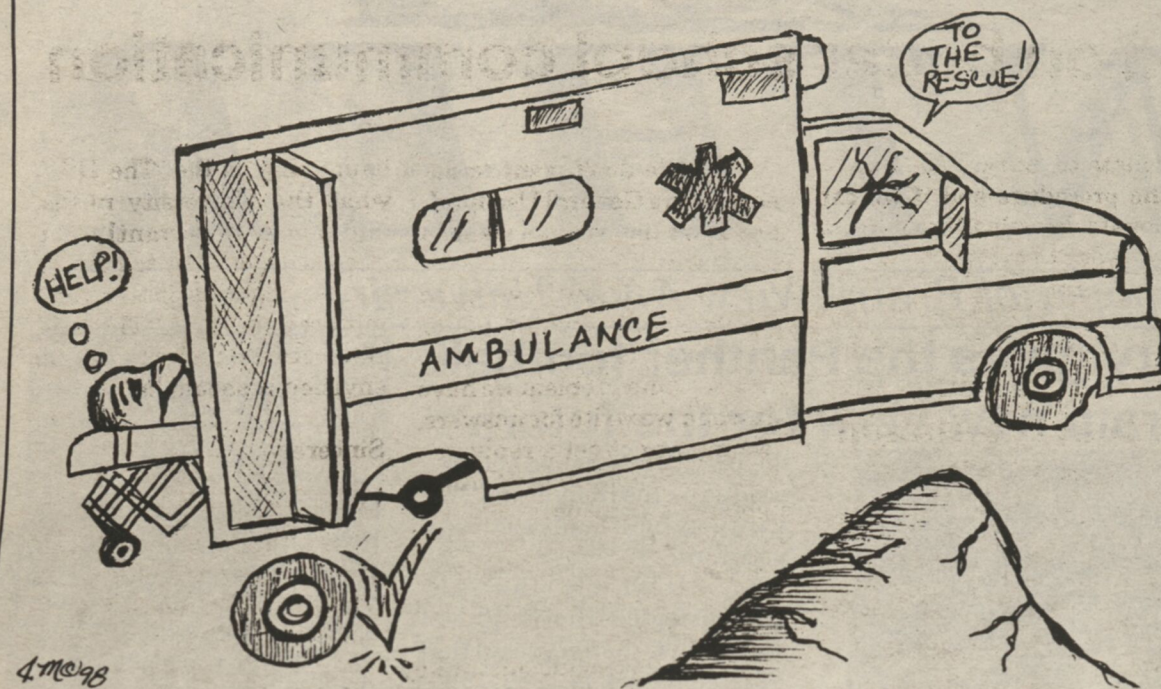
The Marching Storm is made up of 40 percent females, and many of them were on the side of the field where the fight began. Contrariwise, all of Southern's band, which includes all men and three women, were together when the fight erupted. Overall, females had the most reported injuries.

Both bands were suspended for two games which would have included the Cotton Bowl Classic and the Homecoming game.

Following the suspension, President Charles Hines said, "I have talked to the commissioner and there is no reason our band will not march in Dallas (Cotton Bowl)."



## VIEWPOINTS



## Safety produces healthy, happy work environment

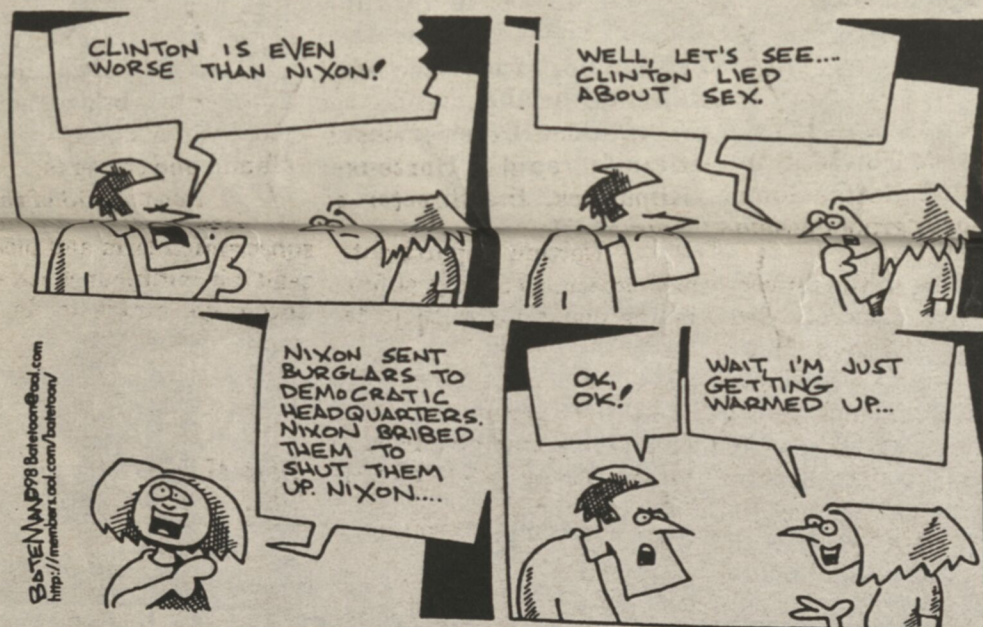
By Joyce Dixon  
Managing Editor

A safe environment is conducive to happy, healthy, productive faculty, staff and students. People normally tend to perform exceptionally when they know they are safe. Knowing this, safety should be a main concern for those who are in charge of making decisions here at Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU).

I do believe the decision makers are concerned for our safety, but I question the quality of concern that is put into each decision.

Not long ago, while working, an employee of PVAMU required serious medical attention. However, when medical professionals arrived, they were unable to reach the employee due to L.W. Minor Street being blocked. Eventually, the driver of the ambulance jumped the curb in order to reach the employee.

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## Where is Hines hiding? President's "open door policy" lacks validity

By Tiara M. Ellis  
Editor-in-Chief

How many of you were seeing President Charles Hines for the first time this semester at the football victory pep rally this past Tuesday?

Every now and then there will be a chance sighting, but on the whole he seems

nity for his own welcome for new and returning students.

I requested the interview on a Wednesday. By Friday, I still did not receive a response, so I followed up with a phone call. President Hines' secretary told me he was unable to accommodate my interview, and could not offer a valid reason at the moment.

As I write this editorial, I still wonder why the president would not meet with me for a quick interview.

If I can not speak to my president as the editor of the student newspaper, how can other students expect to speak with him on a day to day basis about their concerns?

I have the pleasure of being a mediator through which the president can openly speak to the students, yet he won't.

Most people in power would take advantage of the free press.

His alleged open door policy is an attempt at being there for the students of this university, but how can he truly be a president for the students if he is not available for the students he was hired to best serve?

In other aspects as president of an accredited four year university, he is very

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to be missing in action. I keep expecting to see his face on a milk carton asking "have you seen your president?"

Where exactly is President Hines spending his time these days?

At the beginning of the semester, I called him for an interview for information on all of the new changes to the university and the opportu-

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## VIEWPOINTS

## Letters to the Editor

## Alumni donations depend on better school communication

First, I would like to once again congratulate the Panthers for breaking the "streak". Now you can continue to work on your new streak.

The reason I have written this article is to let the student body know that contrary to belief, the alumni are still "PV Proud" and want to give back.

The problem is "miscommunication" between the alumni and the University itself.

What the University has to understand is that the Alumni association is made up of two sections, the older

generation and what we call "the in betweeners".

The "in betweeners" are the recent graduates of PVAMU who are still trying to get situated economically.

It is these same people who would like to give back but can't dish out the large sums of money.

Last year, a Panther writer suggested that people can give back by giving the school \$10 to \$20 a month.

What we need to know is who gets the money and can we choose whom we can donate to?

Everyone has places on campus they would like to

donate to, but we don't know the procedure and if we can donate directly to the persons we want to target.

**"What the University has to understand is that the Alumni association is made up of two sections, the older generation and what we call the "in betweeners."**

We don't want to donate to the General Use fund, and if we have to, we want to know why.

Basically, everyone wants to know where his or her money is going.

One problem we have is when we write for answers, we might not get a reply.

Students at PVAMU now can help us attain the answers by asking questions of the proper officials and passing it on to alumni that you might know.

In conclusion, the key to receiving aide is communication.

Let us know what is

happening on the "The Hill", what the University needs, and more importantly the steps we can go by to help.

Through better communication, life on "The Hill" can become the way we all envision it should be.

Sincerely,

Michael Smith  
Coordinator Office of Student Activities and Multicultural Affairs - Wharton County Junior College

Mr. Smith is a recent graduate of Prairie View A&M University

## Presidential behavior influences youth

Dear Editor,

With the media and the whole nation focusing on the Clinton scandal, I have heard it discussed how this may affect the nation, the Presidency, the stock market, and the upcoming election, but not one word on how this is influencing the youth of the nation.

Are we saying, with silence, that this type of behavior is appropriate or tolerable?

Would you accept this behavior from an employee, principal, doctor, lawyer, or even one of your own children? I hope not.

Then, I ask you why do we accept this behavior from the President?

The office of the Presidency is the highest, most honorable position a man can hold in the United States.

But we speak not a word of the embarrassment or discuss the way the President has behaved.

Do morals, honor, and respect mean anything to the citizens of this nation?

If not, what do we believe in?

What do we teach our children? Should we be teaching our children that this type of behavior is not acceptable from anyone, including the President?

There is still one man in Washington that has morals, honor, and respect.

This man is Ron Paul, House Representative from District 14.

Dr. Ron Paul and his wife Carol have lived in Brazoria County since 1968, where they raised five children and now have 13 grandchildren.

The Pauls never moved to Washington, D.C. and even today, Rep. Paul is in Washington D.C. only when Congress is in session.

Rep. Paul prefers to spend his time with his constituents and his family, rather than Washington insiders.

If you would like to know more about Dr. Ron Paul and what he believes and stands for, check out his web site <http://www.house.gov/paul/tst98/tst090798.htm> or call 1-800-Ron-Paul.

Ashley E. Dick

Mr. Michael Smith,

The students of Prairie View A&M University understand that all of the alumni are not money grubbing spinsters.

Giving to the university is simply a matter of knowing where the donations should go and how to ensure that specified departments receive that money.

"All contributions made to the university by

alumni are initially forwarded through the Alumni Affairs or Institutional Development offices," said Hortense Kilpatrick, the director of

Certain departments have specialized ways of funneling donations to their department.

For more information about how alumni groups or individuals may give back to the university, call (409) 857-2245 or 4019.

One purpose of The Panther is to bridge that communication barrier between alumni and students.

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subscription form and please send it in with your check and encourage others to do the same.

Sincerely,

Tiara M. Ellis  
Editor-in-Chief



## Submission Policy for Letters to the Editor

Anyone who reads The Panther can submit a letter to the editor at P. O. Box 2876, Prairie View, TX 77446 or in the Memorial Student Center, room 114. All submissions are subject to editing and must include the author's name and telephone number.



## CAMPUS NEWS

# New faces of diversity

By Shana A. Miller  
Panther Staff

There was a capacity crowd for the start of the first dramatic production of the year: New Faces. This production is presented by the Theater Arts Program and Charles Gilpin Players every fall. New Faces displays the various talents of the incoming drama students and presents a thought-provoking theme.

"Every fall the incoming students get to see what problems are most prevalent on campus and from this, they derive a theme for the New Faces show," said Director C. Lee Turner.

Turner and the students created a frame story to express the theme of diversity. The story used the symbol of The Goodie Mob,

to represent main stream society and the Outcasts to portray anyone

window. The audience anxiously gawked as Thompson's gripped hands loosened and she cried that "he dropped the children" out the window.

The comedy routine "To Be or Not to Be", performed by Ronnie Hall, received thunderous laughter from the audience. Hall portrayed an actor in search of the correct way to present a famous line by William Shakespeare. The people who advised him included a melodramatic actor, an Englishman, a preacher, and a Texan.

John Milo spoke to the audience with his body. His dance to "The One" appeared to be the highlight for the women in the audience. The sensual nature of this dance entranced viewers. The women of the audience cheered and swooned at Milo's performance.

**"The show was thought provoking and entertaining."**  
-Rodney Cook

"Words" performed by

For the opening number of overcoming obstacles. Words of freedom, hope, change, and dignity flowed from his mouth. Jones's voice filled the theater and the words penetrated into the minds of the audience. The audience

Candace Thompson's monologue from "For Colored Girls" seemed to be among the audience's favorites. Thompson's

portrayal of a woman broken by abuse captivated the audience. At the climax of her monologue, she illustrated how the woman's abuser missed it Cook said, "You missed held her children out the fifth floor a good show."

# Prairie View breaks new ground

By Stephen C. Price  
Panther Staff

Prairie View has broken new ground with the establishment of an International Studies Center.

The university's Political and Social Science Department was recently awarded a two-year grant from the U.S. Department of Education for \$142,000, which came about as of July 1998. This amount will be matched by the university to bring the total funding to the final goal of 284,000.

The proposal was written by Dr. Fredoline Annunobi (who joined the university in the fall of 1997), and was assisted by Dr. Walle Engedayehu, who has been teaching at Prairie View since 1989 and is currently heading the department. Dr. Annunobi will serve as director and Dr. Engedayehu will be the program coordinator.

Drs. Annunobi and Engedayehu would like to thank all those involved, for the grant itself would not have been possible without the tireless efforts of Dr. Charles Hines, President, Dr. Joahanne Thomas-Smith, V.P. of Academic Affairs, Dr. Edward Martin, Dean of College of Arts and Sciences, and all the financial resources and man-hours the university provided.

Dr. Annunobi has also submitted grant proposals to the Coca-Cola Foundation and Proctor and Gamble to help establish

the Coca-Cola Center for International/African Studies and develop an international business program in the College of Business.

Prior to coming to Prairie View, Dr. Annunobi was successful in getting grant proposals funded while at Xavier University in Louisiana and earlier at Selma University in Alabama. He has received grants from the Coca-Cola Foundation, The U.S. Department of Education, and the International Paper Company, which has funded a center for Third World Studies.

Drs. Annunobi and Engedayehu are both graduates of Clark-Atlanta University and are originally from Nigeria and Ethiopia, respectively. Dr. Annunobi is a specialist in international relations, political economy and research methodology. While Dr. Engedayehu is a specialist dealing with Africa, the Middle East, U.S. Government & Politics and Comparative Politics, with a special emphasis on developing states.

The new center is located in W. R. Banks on the second floor.

Dr. Annunobi said that he wanted to add international studies to the curriculum as a way to add a competitive edge to students with first class experience in research and studying abroad.

Dr. Engedayehu believes that the trend for universities now is to internationalize their

curriculae when the economy is globalized and students can gain an advantage in the workforce. He believes in the future, it will be imperative for people to know a second language. They are trying to establish an African Studies program.

After the first two years, the program will allow students to learn about other cultures like Latin America and Japan. The curriculum has already been changed to add an Elementary Swahili language class taught by Professor Kabiri Ngeta from Kenya.

In the first two years, the center will develop faculty expertise and curricular resources on cultural and linguistic diversity in Africa. The center has the potential to internationalize PVAMU's curriculum, broaden the scope of foreign languages, and strengthen the interdisciplinary nature of the curriculum.

The new center is aimed at fostering links among the social and natural sciences, humanities and business. With the support of the university, the program will make more students aware of international and cross-cultural issues.

The grant will also allow the support of faculty release-time and travel for course design/development, workshop/seminar attendance, a language lab, acquisition of needed instructional materials, library resources and sponsorship for any visiting faculty.

# Stipulations of financial aid system

By Santee's Bowers  
News Editor

Almost 6,000 students of various ages and race come to Prairie View A&M University for various reasons. Each with a different goal, course arrangement, and fee assessment.

As the years progress, some graduate, others transfer, and become dropped from the system.

Out of the 6,000 students that attend the University, almost 5,200 are on some form of financial aid, according to financial aid counselor Advergus D. James.

Financial aid programs are available to assist students and families who do not have the financial resources to meet the full cost of enrollment. The cost of attending the University includes tuition, fees, books, supplies, room, board, transportation, and miscellaneous expenses.

laneous expenses.

The financial aid staff composed of twenty-five members, including four counselors, worked hard with 60% of the students that applied and were approved after the April 1 deadline.

However, little could be done for the 236 students who never applied or did not have Prairie View on their reports, the 55 students who were denied financial aid because of their grade point averages or number of credit hours, the 126 students with incomplete files, and the 99 students who were not awarded enough to cover their tuition.

"Over the past couple of years we have made dramatic improvements in the financial aid program," said James. "As the system keeps improving, I encourage students to apply early and continuously work on improving their grade point averages."

The primary purpose of student financial aid is to provide resources to students who would otherwise be unable to pursue a post-secondary education. A basic stipulation of financial aid programs is that the primary responsibility for meeting college cost lies with the family. Students are responsible for ensuring that they are not delinquent on any fees or charges owed

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## CAMPUS NEWS

*Prairie View A&M University**Homecoming '98**"A Rich History and a Preeminent Future; Taking it to a Higher Level"***October 4 - 10, 1998****Tentative Schedule of Events****Tuesday, October 6, 1998**

6p.m. Century II Book Review

**Wednesday, October 7, 1998**

7p.m. Annual King &amp; Queen's Ball

**Thursday, October 8, 1998**

7p.m. Faculty/Staff/Student

Talent Show

**Friday, October 9, 1998**

11a.m. Alumni Awards Recognition

Ceremony &amp; Reception

12p.m. Biology Honors & Alumni  
Banquet

1p.m. National Alumni Meeting

3p.m. Alumni Park Groundbreaking

4p.m. Student Park Dedication

5p.m. Mock Funeral, Pep Rally

&amp; Bonfire

7p.m. Mr &amp; Miss Homecoming

Banquet

8p.m. Homecoming Comedy

Explosion/Concert

10:30p.m. Alumni Cocktails/Dance

**Saturday, October 10, 1998**8a.m. Dept. of Mathematics Open  
House

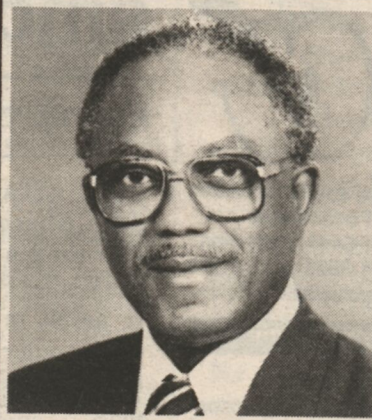
9:30a.m. Homecoming Parade

2p.m. Homecoming Classic  
(PV vs. Alcorn)

6p.m. Alumni/Student Mixer

7:30p.m. "Explosion on the Hill"

Stepshow/Party

**\*\*Note: Tentative Schedule is Subject to Change\*\*****Instrumental administrator passes****Praire View, TX****Hoover Carden,  
Cooperative Extension  
Program Administrator**

Hoover Carden, former Cooperative Extension Program (CEP) Administrator at Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU), passed away Sept. 21, 1998. He was 68 years old.

Carden, a pioneer for the CEP at PVAMU, retired as administrator on Aug. 31, 1995 after serving the Cooperative Extension Program since 1972. He helped many individuals, youths and families during his tenure.

Carden was instrumental in helping PVAMU get a new Cooperative Extension building in 1992, which is named the Carden - Waller Building.

Carden also initiated programs to stem the tide of declining land ownership by African Americans. He spearheaded improvements at the H.S. Estelle 4-H & Youth camp in Huntsville, Texas which teaches leadership and citizenship skills. The camp accommodates up to 125 young people on a weekly basis during the summer months.

Because of the concerns he had about such issues as crime, teen pregnancy, drug abuse, and sexually transmitted diseases, including AIDS, Carden developed cooperative health initiatives which provided information and programs geared to problems of urban and rural areas. These initiatives are being carried forth today in the Cooperative Extension Program's health project located in the PVAMU College of Nursing in the heart of Houston's Medical Center.

Recognized for many achievements, Carden was selected to serve on the Extension Committee on Policy Budget 12 years working with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Congress, and the National Association for State Universities and Land Grant Colleges. He was also the first African-American to serve on the National 4-H Council and worked with the state legislature.

Carden was the recipient of numerous awards, some of which included the Texas Superior Service Award and the USDA Superior Service Award.

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## REGIONAL NEWS



### Keeping an eye on Texas

#### Kids can feel safe at school

Texas law is clear about the responsibilities of the state's schools to keep children safe while teaching them clear standards for their behavior. As parents are concerned about crime and violence in public schools, a new report, "Keeping Texas Children Safe in School," outlines the roles of teachers, principals and other district personnel. The report, published by the Texas School Performance Review\* team, is available by calling toll-free 1-800-531-5441, extension 3-4900, or by writing P.O. Box 13528, Austin, TX 78711-3528, and on the Internet at: <<http://www.window.state.tx.us/tpr/tpr/safe/childsafety.html>>.

#### Guidelines for an effective school safety program

##### Prevention

1. Know your goals and objectives: where your district is going and what you want to accomplish.
2. Establish clear expectations for students, parents, teachers, and administrators.
3. Address warning signs before they turn into trouble.

##### Intervention

4. Look for trouble before it finds you.
5. Recognize trouble when you see it.
6. Have individuals in the right place and at the right time to intervene.
7. Have a plan of action appropriate for the occasion, and practice it.

##### Enforcement

8. Leave no room for double standards.
9. Ensure that discipline management extends inside and outside the classroom.
10. Alternative programs are not just a matter of compliance with the law; they are many children's last chance at success.

\* The Texas School Performance Review was created by the Texas Legislature in 1990. In the past seven years, TSPR has offered more than 2,800 detailed ways to save taxpayers nearly \$340 million in 28 public school districts throughout Texas.

SOURCE: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts.

## Waller reduces underaged smoking

AUSTIN, TX

State Comptroller John Sharp's office recently delivered a \$2,000 check to the Waller Police Department to assist in its efforts to reduce underage smokers' access to and use of tobacco products.

"Everyday 3,000 children start smoking. In Texas, nearly half of all high school students who have tried smoking started at age 12 or younger," Sharp said. "These grants are enhancements awarded to 91 police departments and sheriff's offices to help them fight teen-age smoking."

"The grants funded are meant to beef up the ongoing enforcement efforts of lo-

cal law agencies," Sharp said.

The grants are authorized by Senate Bill (S.B.) 55, which was passed during the 1997 legislative session and became law on Sept. 1, 1997. Provisions relating to underage tobacco use went into effect on Jan. 1, 1998.

This is the second round of grants delivered to agencies. During the first round, almost \$400,000 was granted.

The law is aimed at decreasing teen smoking by reducing access to tobacco products and providing public education on the dangers of tobacco use.

Grants are awarded based upon the number of licensed tobacco retailers in a law enforcement agency's jurisdiction. The grants range

from \$2,000 to \$25,000.

"The Waller Police Department will use these grants to educate tobacco retailers about the specifics of S.B. 55," Sharp said. "They can use the money for stings to make sure that retailers aren't selling tobacco products to minors. They can also fund compliance visits to ensure that retailers are posting required signs, training their employees about the law, and denying underage customers direct access to tobacco products."

Before this law was enacted, it was illegal for retailers to sell tobacco to minors. Now it is illegal for minors to possess and use tobacco products.

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## Did You Know...

... Hilliard Hall used to be the dining hall.

... President Hines is only the sixth president of PUAMU. Before the title "president" was used, there were eight principals.

... President Hines exercises an "Open Door Policy."

... the present Administration Building was completed in March of 1949 after a fire destroyed the original one.



## CAMPUS NEWS

## A clothing store like no other

## 'Konversations &amp; Kottons' inspires student conversation

By Nikkia Sams  
Panther Staff

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PAIRIE VIEW A&M

"Come for the Clothing stay for the Conversations" is the motto for the new clothing store in Prairie View A&M University's (PVAMU) Memorial Student Center.

Two comfortable couches and a series of stools surround two chess tables, on which two colleagues test each other's skills.

The presence of smiling faces, serious conversa-

tion and casual dialect immediately let visitors know this isn't an ordinary clothing store.

Pictures of historical black leaders with names of planets grace the walls. There are also pictures of little known people adorning the walls.

The sounds of contemporary music artists fill the air.

Kaaqaun, the owner of this establishment, is a PVAMU alumnus.

Since it's opening in 1997, the store has been a success. It presents a cultural atmosphere as well as a spiritual aura.

Kaaqaun said the line of clothing sold in the store, "MY AUNT TEE'S" is very unique.

Kaaqaun explained: "MY, as a word which indicates possession, or someone's expression of pleasure, sur-

prise or dismay, represents its own meaning. AUNT represents a sister of one's father or mother, or the wife of one's uncle.

"AUNTTEE is an inner urban extension of a family crossing and ethnic boundary which is a critical backbone in the American family cultural structure."

Kaaqaun concluded, "MY AUNT TEE'S is something we can call our own."

The clothing sold in the store features different original positive messages, and paraphernalia for some organizations.

The creation of Kaaqaun's Hill Street University trademark was also manifested in this store.

Kaaqaun presents a substance and stamina that is hard to capture in words.

Knowledge is very open in his store, and that is indeed a reason to visit.

## Mr. PV from page 1

volved did their duty to remove Johnson and ensure that the contract was carried out as stated in the agreement.

Now, the question is should this part of the agreement be changed in future pageants?

The A & M System Policy section 13.02 concerning student's rights and obligations states: "The rights of students are to be respected. These rights include respect for personal feelings, freedom from indignity of any type, freedom from control by any person except as may be accord with published rules of the academic institutions, and conditons allowing them to make the best use of their time and talents toward the objectives which brought them to the institutions. No officer or student, regardless of position or rank, shall violate those rights; no custom, tradition or rule in conflict will be allowed to prevail."

Why then should students, who are otherwise qualified not be allowed to represent a University just because they are parents?

When this question was asked to the former Mr. Prairie View, he stated: "Not everyone that is at PV is 18 or 19 and straight out of high school. You have students here who are prior military, married, divorced, essentially what we now call non-traditional students. There are many "non-traditional" students in the Texas A & M System and I feel we are all justly entitled to receive full rights and benefits as such.

"I pay my tuition, room and board, am enrolled as a full-time student, am in good standing with the university, and I am on the dean's list. I am a veteran of the United States Marines Corps."

Johnson continued, "Hence, not only have I served my country honorably, I am also attempting to bring my service, prudence and experience to the Texas A & M System. Furthermore, I cannot find sufficient reason to restrict me from any title, position, or status in any academic community."

Johnson is a 22-year-old junior with a double major in criminal law and psychology.

A former United States Marine, Johnson speaks in six languages including Japanese, French, Spanish, and Korean.

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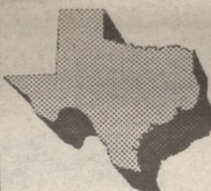
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## NATIONAL NEWS

### Danger from page 2

Fortunately, the employee is doing well.

However, it is unfortunate that valuable time was lost in rendering medical assistance to the employee.

Most people, including myself, are not concerned with issues of this nature (the blocked street) until something happens to catch their attention.

This incident has caught my attention.

This is now a safety issue for me. It leaves me questioning the safety of a campus that has limited access to roads.

It also leaves me questioning why the street is closed.

This questioning causes another issue to be raised in my mind.

The only parking on L.W. Minor is for handicapped drivers.

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are easily accessible by this street?

If the street is closed due to parking violations the police should deal with that. After all, that is a part of their job description.

It is my contention that blocked streets are hazardous to the lives of everyone who is a part of the University and something should be done to reduce that risk.

### Hines from page 2

adept.

During President Hines' term as president, we have seen three phases of new housing established for the students, a student park and the building of a community center.

We have also witnessed the name change to the historic honors college—Banneker Honors College and the loss of the art school.

When comparing the positive and negative occur-

rences during President Hines' reign, there have been many more commendable acts than unfavorable ones.

But all of that is null and void when considering student's perception of him.

It is hard to respect a man who seem to be more concerned with satisfying those in power than the students he is serving.

When a man runs for a political position, he works for those who place him in that position of power.

How can Hines work for us, if we can not tell him what most concerns us?

Perhaps in the future the students of the university can elect the president based on a field of candidates offered by the Texas A&M Board of Regents.

This way we have the opportunity to elect someone who is more accessible to the students.

Since we are most directly effected by President Hines' actions, it is important for him to be available for our feedback.

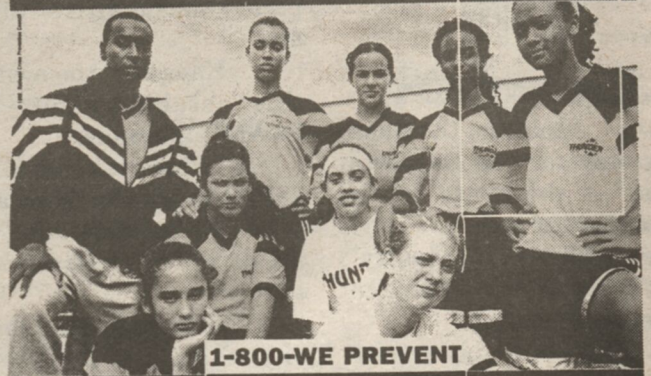
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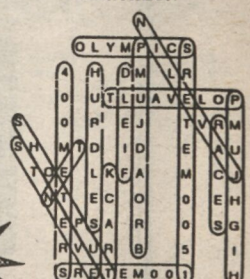
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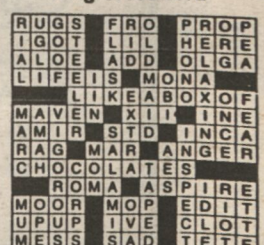
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## BLACK HISTORY

# Self-help book aims to help African-Americans succeed

By Munir Saafir  
Panther Staff

Black and white cultures are different. Recognizing this, Joseph McClendon and Anthony Robbins collaborated to write a black-oriented version of Robbins' classic self-help book "Unlimited Power."

This version adds black cultural references, uses successful black people as examples and also adds information discovered since the previous "Unlimited Power" was published.

As the title suggests, "Unlimited Power" is dedicated to giving individuals unlimited personal power over their lives.

Robbins and McClendon define power as "the ability to shape and influence yourself."

Backing their ideas with scientific evidence, they transform their extensive self-help research into a practical, step-by-step, self-help approach.

"Unlimited Power" covers a broad range of topics dealing with personal power. With topics varying from destroying phobias in minutes to "The Seven Lies of Success", this book leaves no self-help stone unturned. Most chapters include interactive exercises which give each subject discussed an immediate impact on the reader's life.

The authors believe the basis for success to be internal and external communication. The quality of either type of communication determines the quality of that type of result. Each chapter deals with an aspect of understanding and controlling either external or internal communication.

Robbins and McClendon consider thoughts and behavior as self-programmable changeable tools. These tools can be used to change the quality of internal and external communication and therefore, overall success in life.

Robbins and McClendon believe that the body and mind are inextricably linked. Obviously, the mind controls the body.

They present convincing research to show that simply changing the body's posture and movement can change the mental/emotional state.

Many principles and methods are taught in internal communication chapters. In one chapter, the authors teach ways to anchor an emotional/mental state to a physical stimulus so the state can be accessed at will. In another, they teach how to mentally reframe bad experiences and habits in a productive light. They also instruct on how to model other people's mindstates and physical movements to receive similar results or feelings.

One important internal communication chapter is a goal-setting workshop. In this chapter, Robbins and McClendon lead the reader through a series of exercises that identify and clarify the reader's life expectations. Then they instruct the reader

see **Succeed** on page 15

## Athletes, nation mourn death of Flo Jo

By LaToya Moore  
Panther Staff

Olympic track star Florence Griffith Joyner, better known to her fans as Flo Jo, died September 21 at the age of 38.

According to the Houston Chronicle, the autopsy revealed that her death was caused by heart problems. The track star also reportedly suffered a heart seizure on a flight from California to St. Louis two years ago.

Joyner grew up in Los Angeles, CA. She was born Dec. 21, 1959 into a family of 11 children. She graduated from UCLA with a Bachelor's degree in Psychology.

She married Al Joyner in October of 1987 and the couple had a daughter named Mary. Her sister-in-law, Jackie Joyner Kersee, was also an Olympic gold medalist.

**"Though she rose to the pinnacle of the world of sports, she never forgot where she came from, devoting time and resources to helping children . . . make the most of their own talents."**

**-Bill Clinton**

**President of the United States**

Joyner became recognized for her amazing speed and creative fashions. At the 1988 Olympic Trials she wore colorful skin tight body suits and decorated her 3-inch fingernails in flamboyant colors.

Joyner got the name Flo Jo because of her tremendous speed at the 1988 Olympics where she became the winner of three gold medals. She was also a silver medalist at the Los Angeles Olympics in 1984. She holds the record in the 100 meter dash at 10.49 seconds. She also holds the record in the 200 meter dash at 21.34 seconds.

Flo Jo retired after the Seoul Olympic Games. She became co-chairperson of the President's Council on Physical Fitness and spent much of her time designing clothes, writing children books, and endorsing television advertisements.

She appeared in Houston with her husband one last time in 1995 for a forum on women in sports sponsored by Oshman's Sporting Goods.

## Harvard scholars form African encyclopedia

CD-ROM version will be produced by Microsoft

By Tina Ellis  
Copy Editor

For decades, all reference books have been filled with European history and scarcely laced with African history.

This Febuary, Microsoft and a group of Afro-American studies scholars from Harvard University will collaborate to form a CD-ROM of the history, geography, and culture of Africa and the many people of African descent. Later in the year, Perseus Books is scheduled to publish a printed version.

The encyclopedia will contain 3,000 ar-

ticles written by over 400 African Studies scholars. The multimedia version of the encyclopedia will allow users to experience many parts of African history for themselves through interactive elements included in the CD-ROM.

Harvard professor Henry Louis Gates Jr. is in charge of the project, but credits W.E.B. DuBois with creating the original idea 90 years ago.

"To me, there's nothing more fitting of a gift we can give DuBois and the African-American people at the end of the century," Gates stated.

Gates, along with co-conspirator, K. Anthony Appiah, approached

Britannica encyclopedia company with the idea but were told that the project would not make a profit.

Years later, the two decided to give the idea another shot. With the financial support of music writer and producer Quincy Jones and the knowledge of several scholars, the project took flight.

The executives at Microsoft agreed to manufacture the CD-ROM the day after Perseus Books signed the contract for the book version.

Gates is excited about the achievement. "There's never been anything like this before, a comprehensive encyclopedia of the entire Black world," he said.

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## ENTERTAINMENT

# Tucker and Chan provide traffic stopping comedy in hit flick *Rush Hour*

When the fastest hands in the East meet the biggest mouth in the West, you get New Line Cinema's release of *Rush Hour*, starring international action star Jackie Chan and stand-up comedian/actor Chris Tucker directed by Brett Ratner. This 90-minute hyperactive, hilariously funny action flick is a must see. If you do not laugh out loud just once while watching this film, then something is wrong. I also strongly suggest that you check out the movie's soundtrack with slamming new tracks by Jay-Z, Too Short, and Dru Hill along with a host of others from the music industry's hottest stars out in stores now.

The movie's plot unravels when the daughter of a Chinese ambassador is kidnapped and the ambassador calls on his friend, Detective Lee (Jackie Chan) of the Hong Kong Police De-

partment to find her. However, the FBI is already on the case and does not want Lee interfering with its investigation. The FBI assigns LAPD Officer James Carter (Chris Tucker) to assist them. His assignment is to baby-sit Lee and keep him out of the FBI's way. Carter is upset with the assignment because he does not want to watch after Lee and would prefer investigating the crime. Seeing a way to break through the ranks of the FBI, Carter joins forces with Lee to covertly solve the case running

through the streets of Hollywood and Chinatown to



Jackie Chan and Chris Tucker star in *Rush Hour*

courtesy of New Line Cinema

find the girl.

Tucker and Chan make a riotous team. Together they find out about each other's culture while trying to solve the case. For example, in one hilari-

ous scene, Tucker has instructed Chan to follow his lead while in a pool hall. Chan follows this advice to great comic effect when he literally mimics Tucker's greeting using the "N" word. Chan finds out the hard way that this type of greeting is not accepted coming from an outsider such as Chan.

*Rush Hour* is where the rubbery, high-pitched voice of comic Tucker (co-star of *Dead Presidents*, *Money Talks*, and *The Fifth Element*) meets the cult figure and successor to Bruce Lee's reign in the Hong Kong chopsocky game and possessor of the world's most "fly" feet and hands of Jackie Chan, who has been thrilling audiences overseas by doing all of his stunts with such films as *Half a Loaf of Kung Fu* and *Can- nonball I & II*. Incidentally, Chan has broken his nose three times, his ankle once, most of his fingers,

both cheek bones, and has numerous skull fractures. This is why his peers in the stunt game call him the bravest and baddest of all action stars around. He's probably the most foolish as well. I liked the movie and strongly encourage everyone to go see it.

In the opening weekend, the movie was number one grossing \$31.1 million. As a result of the film's huge success, plans are already in the works for a sequel, and with Tucker and Chan, it is sure to be another box office smash. Be on the look out for Tucker's new movie with Mariah Carey playing the role of his wife in *Double-o-Soul*.

Stephen C. Price

## Pick-a-Flick



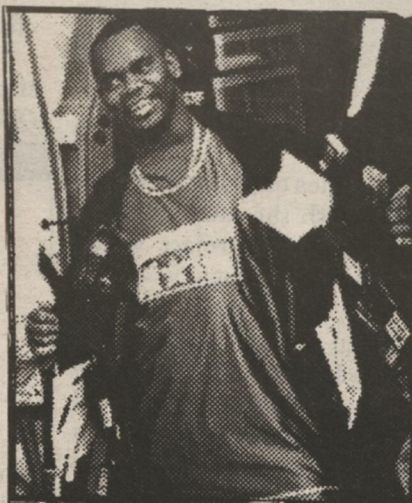
1. Name the film in which a pair of con artists conspire to get paid by selling cellular phones?

2. In that same film, which rap sensation makes his big screen debut as an actor?

3. What comedian co-stars as the answer to the previous question's business partner?

4. What genre is the film *Best of the Best 4*?

5. The star of the comedy *Ride* used to star in what FOX television drama?



I am the answer to #3....Who am I?

The first persons to correctly answer all the questions below will win a video of their choice courtesy of Miramax Home Entertainment. Claim your prize by bringing the correct answers and this issue of the paper to *The Panther* office in the bottom of the MSC, room 114.

## PHAT DLME

The Panther's current top ten in no particular order

"Hard Knock Life"

Jay-Z

"Find My Way"

A Tribe Called Quest

"25 Lighters"

DJ DMD f/ Li'l KeKe & Fat Pat

"Rosa Parks"

OutKast

"I'm So Into You"

Tamia

"Get On The Bus"

Destiny's Child f/ Timbaland

"Horse & Carriage (Remix)"

Cam'ron f/ Big Pun, Charli Baltimore & Silkk

Tha Shocker

"Voyage to Atlantis"

Isley Brothers

"I Still Love You"

Next

"Major Playas"

Mean Green f/ Master P, Mia X & Silkk



## ENTERTAINMENT

OutKast returns to the hip-hop scene with third LP *Aquemini*

Raekwon, and the LP's title cut. Both songs represent the epitome of Southern funk which separates Kast from anything we've ever heard before. On "Skew it on the Bar-B", Dre observes: "The common denominator, the nigga numerator/ Never know who the hater, niggas cater to your ego/ I'm sorry, like Atari who's the cousin to Coleco...."

While Big Boi A.K.A. the player spits on "Aquemini", "I stay down with these streets, cause these streets is where my folks at/ Betta know that, some say we pro-Black, boy we professional/ We missed a lot of church, so the music is our confessional."

Also crunk is "Da Art of Storytelling (Part 1 & 2)," the effusive "Y'all Scared (featuring Goodie Mob)" and the powerful "Liberation (featuring Cee-Lo and Erykah Badu)."

A few mishaps like the annoying "Mamacita," the so-so "West Savannah" and a number of bothersome interludes that linger on the end of songs hinder a thorough listening enjoyment. But don't get it twisted, *Aquemini* definitely elevates Kast to that next level.

It's been said that three's a charm. I don't think these brothas need, or even believe in luck. What they need and deserve is props for another potent album, and that's exactly what they get from me.

**Zharmer Hardimon**  
Entertainment Editor

## LaFace recording artist OutKast

Question: What do you get when you combine the minds of a player and a poet?

Answer: You get the funky sounds of two dope cats from the ATL who we all know as OutKast.

Question: What do you get when you combine an Aquarius and a Gemini?

Answer: Aquemini, of course.

Oh, you wanna know what the hell is Aquemini? According to Andre Benjamin A.K.A. Dre, A.K.A the poet, it's the bridge between two types of people which equates to the OutKast formula, hence the third effort from these Southern Playalistic ATLians. And ya'll know how they do.

As usual, these oh-so-conscious, swift flow-having brothas bring mo' noise than the campus

of Prairie View A&M did on September 26, 1998. Well, maybe not that much noise, but damn near close.

The first single off *Aquemini* is the throbbing "Rosa Parks." The song mixes a guitar-happy loop over a snare drum that just won't stop. A harmonica solo performed by Dre's lifelong pastor provides the songs break, and the track just has Southern-bred plastered all over it with rhymes from both. The hook flows: "Ah ha hush that fuss/ Everybody move to the back of the bus/ Do you wanna bump and slump wit us/ We the type of people make the club get crunk."

And making the club crunk is what these dudes know best. They prove it with cuts like the blazin' "Skew it on the Bar-B," which features Wu member

photo courtesy of LaFace Records

## Open Mic



## "they don't care about Us....."

Why are we so damn passive  
when we are of the masses  
they don't care about us  
that's why we had to ride in  
the back of the bus  
we were chained up  
to cultivate the crops up  
then strung up  
so we wouldn't dare run up  
created jim crows  
then back doed it wit ghettos  
so they chains wouldn't let go  
two dolla' hoes  
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doe  
and we don't even dance  
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and we know they don't  
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burn us while we are still  
breathing  
then cut the head off-no  
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ing  
so what's next  
do we ourselves continue to  
cap and kill  
is this really what we feel  
or are we just keepin it real  
death is real — in fact, it's

a guarantee  
but I don't want my own  
people cashin it in for me  
let me ride, let me be  
why do we jack  
and retaliate back  
I ain't one to talk  
cuz I'm gon do that  
I know it ain't supposed to  
be like that  
all types of gats  
we still in chains  
silent we remain  
while we get scattered two  
miles  
from toes to brain  
them nations and panthers

ain't doin nuthin but runnin  
they mouths again  
Jesse Jackson calling for  
peace  
the peace has deceased  
time for our anger to be  
released  
not on us, but the trans-  
parent beast  
let them fight instead of us  
cuz the majority of them  
devils  
don't care about us.....

-- J. Drake '98

## 20 Questions

1. Why are we still oh-so crunk on that historic win?
2. Is it because we've only waited nine years to say "WE WON!!!?"
3. Or is it because we know that this is only the beginning for our Powerful Panther football team?
4. Why are all the P.V. naysayers trying to be on our team now?
5. Does anybody know what the mayor of P.V. was talking about at the victory assembly?
6. When will the softball, basketball and track teams get their championship rings?
7. Where is the P.V. insect patrol?
8. Why are we so disappointed over the breakup of A Tribe Called Quest?
9. Speaking of disappointments, what would a Homecoming be without The Marching Storm?
10. Although we know the word is highly overused, don't you think if we looked up "hater" in the dictionary we would find a picture of Southern's band?
11. Isn't Mack 10's *Sprite* commercial the livest joint he's dropped since "Foe Life"?
12. Why do we all watch and love the reruns of *Martin* like we've never seen them before?
13. Isn't Usher the male Brandy & Monica?
14. And aren't we tired of all three of their a\*#es?
15. Why do some professors who can't speak English very well get mad when you ask them to repeat themselves?
16. Why does the Village have security guards and no security?
17. Is Jungle Juice the bomb, or what?
18. Did we really see President Hines "raise the roof"?
19. And lastly, we just gotta know do the Ghetto Twinz have to be that ghetto?
20. What do you think?

We want to know what you think. Please submit any question you may have to The Panther, Rm. 114 in the bottom of the MSC. Questions are printed upon discretion of The Panther.



## SPORTS NEWS

## New records old legends

## Major-league baseball '98

Olin T. Flowers  
Sports Editor

The 1998 baseball season has finally come to a close and was one of mythical proportions. It brought old heroes new life and new legends were born.

Some of this season's highlights included Barry Bonds of the San Francisco Giants becoming the first player ever to hit 400 homeruns and steal 400 bases; and Ken Griffey Jr. quietly had his fourth consecutive season with 50+ homeruns.

Of course, the largest spectacle of them all, the single season homerun record of 61 held by Roger Maris since 1927 was shattered by not only one but two players.

Mark "Big Mac" McGwire of the St. Louis Cardinals became the new reigning all-time homerun king, knocking images of Maris and Babe Ruth into history. After he hit his 70th homerun on the final day of the regular season, McGwire hinted at retiring and stated, "I'm in awe of myself."

Sammy Sosa of the Chicago Cubs was in close second in the homerun race. He finished with 66 homeruns, and set a new league record in the process, batting in 158 runs in a single season.

Sosa hails from the Dominican Republic.

The childhood dream of every Dominican boy is a professional baseball contract because of the changes such an opportunity would create.

It literally represents a life-saving opportunity for many Dominican players and their families.

The American public loves McGwire who has been a media icon since the homerun race heated up. Fox Sports created the "Mac-o-meter," a small picture-in-picture during their live broadcasts that constantly watched McGwire's every time at bat.

This was all topped off the night of Sept. 8, 1998 in Busch Stadium in St. Louis when McGwire hit the record-breaking 62 homerun. The

game was halted and McGwire was allowed to ride around the stadium with his son in a 1962 cardinal-red corvette, one of the many accolades and prizes bestowed upon him.

During the last week of the season, Sosa hit two homeruns in one game which brought him into a tie with McGwire with four games remaining in the season.

At the post game press conference after tying McGwire, Sosa was more concerned with the condition of his family and friends back home in the Dominican Republic which was being hit by Hurricane Georges at the time.

There was no Corvette ride for Sosa.

Sosa did not hit another homerun after his 66, but continued to play hard-nosed baseball. He had the key hits in a special one-game playoff against the New York Mets that enabled his team to make the playoffs.

Sosa did not receive the same type of media attention or accolades from the public and kept everything in stride, accepting the challenge with humility and dignity. He finished the season with a .308 batting average and was named the major league's Most Valuable Player (MVP) for the 1998 season.

Some said the reason behind the indifference by the media is because Sosa is from not only a foreign country, but a nation of mostly African descendants.

Baseball still represents the "American way" in many peoples' eyes. Baseball is a uniquely American institution, known as America's pastime, and was one of the last bastions of racism in professional sports in this country. That's how the story goes.

There once was a player named Josh Gibson who played for the Homestead Grays and the Pittsburgh Crawfords.

A native of Buena Vista, Ga., Gibson played in the Negro Leagues before the major leagues allowed integration and holds every major league homerun record.

See **Baseball** on  
page 13

## Lady panthers 'go hard or go home'

By Lucius A. Wilkerson  
Panther Staff

The Lady Panthers left last Friday, Sept. 26, 1998 for a much anticipated series of SWAC games last weekend.

As they were looking forward to winning, the team practiced ball placement and passing. Right before the game got underway, they made their way to the lockerroom and gave each other encouraging words to lift the team's spirits and motivate one another before they went out to play.

The purple and gold came out shining against Mississippi Valley State. The Lady Panthers were slow getting into their Panther groove, but as time progressed, they got into the rhythm of the game and took back the lead.

Chanel Henderson sent 23 balls into Mississippi territory. However Mississippi Valley fought back but in the end the Panthers triumphed over Mississippi Valley.

In the second game, the Lady Panthers came out against Jackson State Tigers. The Tigers rallied against the Lady Panthers scoring 10 points off of kills in the first game. The ball flew into the Panther arena several times, but the Panthers defended their territory. The Tigers presented a challenging game, however, the Panthers came back and claimed victory. The final scores were 15 to 7, 15 to 9 and 15 to 4.

Alcorn State presented the last challenge for the Lady Panthers. The Panthers strove for victory defending their territory from oncoming balls. Nevertheless, the Panthers let the game slip away from them and Alcorn State went on to win. This was the Panthers' first conference loss in this series. In the words of Chanel Henderson, you either "go hard or go home". This motto definitely fits this team of hard working young women.

## Softball up for conference repeat

By Lindell Hale  
Panther Staff

Time has flown. It seems like last week that the Lady Softball team was crowned 1998 SWAC Softball Champions. Actually, it has been months, but the defending champions are gearing up for another go-round in the tough SWAC conference.

The 56 game season begins Feb. 3, 1999 against arch-rival Texas Southern. Despite the winning season,

the team lost major players in the off season. Shortstop Stephanie Hillendahl, who led the NCAA in doubles last year, moved away. They also lost their designated hitter, second baseman, and their right and left fielder.

Head Coach A.D. James, Jr. made up for the loss with recruits Natasha Duskin, Alicia Harrison, Latashia McNeal, and Nikki Thomas. James was also accompanied by walk-ons Ebony Morrow, Saniyyah Thomas,

and Kiki Moses. Leslie West will get much needed relief in pitching by sharing the honors with Kimberly Thomas this year.

Conditioning for the team has started and is scheduled for Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5 p.m. Ladies interested in becoming a member of the 1998 SWAC Softball Champion Team can contact Coach James or Coach Clarence Wolfe in their office located in Evans Hall or call (409)857-2422.



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## SPORTS NEWS

### Victory from page 1

Coach Johnson by Prairie View's Mayor Raymond Carruthers, and praises from the student government associations of both PVAMU and Texas Southern University.

PVAMU outstanding players Quincy Fuller, a junior from Houston and Dakari Lanier, a senior from Lubbock, were even named ESPN's players of the week by the same network that formerly made fun of the football team.

ESPN's headline read that they spearheaded a secondary that helped PVAMU snap an 80-game losing streak. Fuller had 7 tackles, 3 passes defended, and 2 interceptions, while Lanier had 10 tackles and broke up 4 passes for the Panthers.

Coach Johnson, after receiving the key to the city said, "We [the players] came here with a new attitude, a new desire, and a new spirit to be successful and win, and each and every week we overcome obstacles and we persevered."

"The first couple of games were just obstacles and we stayed positive. I knew around the third or fourth ballgame I had high expectations of us and I knew that we would come into our groove. It was a privilege for me to be a part of this history-making

event." Johnson continued, "We've already set our next objective—to win a SWAC game. I dedicate this win to Dr. Alfred Stewart, and everyday before a game or practice we come in as a group and we shout it out. We say, 'Carry On!!' and that's exactly what we are going to do."

Many students also expressed what it meant to them to see PVAMU achieve a victory. Jocelyn Howard, a freshman cheerleader, said, "It will bring us closer together and I'm very proud to attend this university. It represents a new beginning."

Antrina Cooper-Justin, a communications student felt likewise. "It's [the win] going to make the spirits and morale go up and make the alumni come forward like they should have been all long," she said.

Bob Hughes, a counseling graduate student also agreed, saying, "It's been a long time coming. I was here the last time we won and I knew it was coming along. I've got too many SWAC hours, baby!"

"The win brings back spirit to the campus and belief in the players, so we can only go up from here, commented Josh Barnes, PVAMU senior quarterback.

President Hines

### In the Sports Spotlight

### Josh Barnes



photo by Glenn Russell

Quarterback Josh Barnes talks to reporters after the win over Langston.

**"We had a bumpy start, we're steadily improving, and we hope to be a contender for the SWAC Championship."**

Josh Barnes

**Height:**

5'9"

**Hometown:**

San Antonio, TX

**Age:**

20-years-old

**Athletic**

**Experience:** 15 years

**Position:**

Quarterback

**Personal Best:**

At East Central High School where he had 4 touchdowns, 22 completions, and 395 passing yards.

**Favorite Junk Food:**

Ice Cream

**Major:**

Human Performance

### Baseball from page 12

Gibson holds the 'real' professional record of 75 homeruns in the 1931 season. He is credited with 962 homeruns in his 17 year career and he also compiled a .391 lifetime batting average.

Gibson was elected to the National Baseball Hall of Fame in 1972, but his record still has not officially been recognized. He also played winter ball in Sosa's homeland the Dominican Republic.

Like Sammy Sosa in our contemporary times,

Gibson's accomplishments were overshadowed, overlooked, and even omitted from the history books because the all-white major leagues would not recognize Negro League statistics.

So before Mark McGwire gets too 'awe-inspired,' we need to add an asterisk to the record books next to his 'new' homerun title.

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## CAMPUS NEWS

### In Brief

#### Prairie View holds seminar for minority students

Prairie View, TX

The Graduate Education for Minorities (GEM) Foundation will conduct a seminar to increase the number of minority students with graduate degrees in engineering.

The seminar will be held at Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU) on Oct. 5, 1998 in the W.R. Banks Building, Room 204 at 5 p.m.

Juniors and seniors interested in graduate studies who are majoring in biology, chemistry, physics, computer science, engineering, electrical engineering technology and computer engineering technology are invited to attend the seminar.

Participants will receive information on GEM programs and financial assistance available to GEM fellows.

Sheila Scott, a GEM representative from the University of Michigan, accompanied by Monika Harris, a 1997 chemical engineering graduate of PVAMU and GEM fellow at University of Michigan will present at the session.

For additional information, call Ms. Evans or Ms. Boardingham at (409)857-2055.

#### Army ROTC Cadet sets record at Advanced Camp

By Keisha Toney

Prairie View, TX

Cadet Lieutenant Eric J. Banks set the record this summer for pushups at Advanced Camp in Fort Lewis, Washington.

Every summer, cadets from all over the country travel to Fort Lewis to participate in the intense, five week training that is on Advanced Camp.

Cadets are evaluated in many areas, including physical fitness. Banks scored a 296 out of a possible 300 points on his physical fitness test and set the Advanced Camp record for pushups with 112 correct pushups completed in two minutes.

Banks is a 23-year-old senior Business major from Hooks, Texas. He is a recipient to the Army's Two-Year ROTC scholarship.

In 1997, Banks successfully completed the Army ROTC Basic Camp at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

Currently, Banks serves as Senior Blackhat for the Panther Battalion and aspires to serve in the United States Army Infantry.



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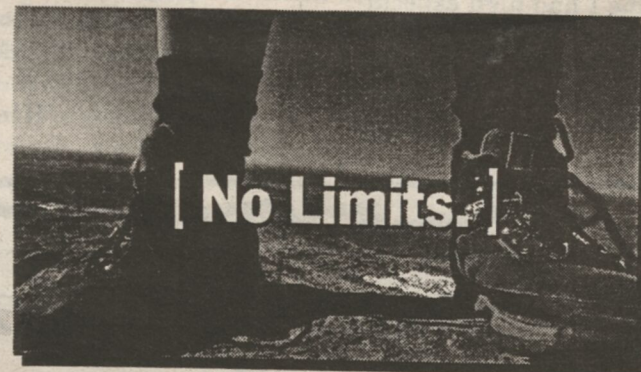
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COMIC RELIEF

Waller from page 6

The Waller Police Department is one of 91 agencies across the state that applied for and received a grant award. Along with increasing compliance activities, grant recipients also receive training in the intricacies of the new law. S.B. 55 requires that retailers post warning signs regarding the penalties for violations; stipulates that retailers who sell tobacco products to anyone under the age

of 18 can be fined or their permit can be suspended and makes retailers responsible for training and supervising employees regarding the new tobacco laws. S.B. 55 also subjects retailers to random inspections by local law enforcement agencies and state officials and requires minors who violate the law to pay a fine and attend tobacco-awareness classes or perform tobacco-related community service. According to the law, any minor convicted of a violation who does not attend the training classes or complete

the community service can have his or her driver's license suspended or denied. Succeed from page 9 on how to form goals that are relevant to and achievable by the reader. In addition to informing readers on how to change themselves, many of the book's chapters are dedicated to external communication with others. They teach techniques of detecting how different people process information and then how to use this knowledge to communicate in the most understandable way. One chapter instructs how to use and receive precise language so that communication is clear. Unlimited Power is almost overfilled with information. Written in Joseph McClendon's first-person, conversational style this book demonstrates Robbins' and McClendon's practical techniques and philosophies for life improvement.

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The Answers are located in the Classified Section

A WORD SQUARE! When filling in the grid at right, the same four-letter words are used both across and down. These hints should help you solve this one in under 60 seconds:

1. Lacking a covering.
2. From a distance.
3. Melted rock.
4. Dull or dreary.

WORD SQUARE GRID

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3			
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions-forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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1500-meters	Field	Olympics	Ten.
400-meters	High jump	Pole vault	Track
Broad jump	Hurdles	Races	

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Find at least 6 differences between panels.

Differences: 1. Popcorn is added. 2. Leaves are missing. 3. Cat is added. 4. Button is added. 5. Expression is changed. 6. Man is added.

MAMA'S BOYZ by JERRY CRAFT

OH, THOSE 3 LITTLE WORDS THAT WARM EVERY MOTHER'S HEART...

SAY IT AGAIN! BUT, MOM, WE ALREADY SAID IT 4 TIMES! PLEASE?

(SIGH) BACK TO SCHOOL

MAN! YOU'D THINK SHE DIDN'T ENJOY HAVING US AROUND ALL SUMMER! AGAIN!

"Just Chillin" BY: Quincy Higgins

REGISTRATION... I'D LIKE TO REGISTER FOR A P.E. CLASS. I'M SORRY BUT THEY'RE ALL CLOSED.

WHAT!? WHAT ABOUT BASKETBALL? RAQUETBALL? TENNIS? CLOSED. CLOSED. CLOSED.

ISN'T ANYTHING OPEN?!

WELL...

BALLET 101 THIS ISN'T WHAT I WAS EXPECTING.

END.

KING CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 Bad hairpieces
- 5 Back
- 8 Support
- 12 "Rhythm"
- 13 Abner's adjective
- 14 Command to Fido
- 15 Lotion additive
- 16 Put together
- 17 "Three Sisters" sister
- 18 Start of a 1994 movie quote
- 20 "Lisa"
- 22 Second part of quote
- 26 Connoisseur
- 29 Noon
- 30 Chemical suffix
- 31 Mideast potentate
- 32 Norm: abbr.
- 33 Erstwhile Peruvian
- 34 Joplin's style
- 35 Ruin the veneer
- 36 A deadly sin
- 37 End of quote
- 40 Actress Downey
- 41 Have high hopes
- 45 Othello was one

DOWN

- 1 1,000 Omani baizas
- 2 Jamaican tangelo
- 3 Blunder
- 4 Keystone State griddler
- 5 Pocket-size bottle
- 6 Discumber
- 7 Kids' card game
- 8 Prefix meaning "sound"
- 9 Restful
- 10 Assn.
- 11 Royal insomnia cause
- 19 "...and - my cap"
- 21 Where an inro is worn
- 23 Additional
- 24 Never again?
- 25 "Cape -"
- 26 Playwright Connelly
- 27 Far Eastern nursemaid
- 28 Robust
- 32 480 B.C. battle site
- 33 Vet
- 35 Mid-May honoree
- 36 DDE's rival
- 38 Division union?
- 39 Not live
- 42 Between jobs
- 43 Laugh-a-minute ending
- 44 Diminutive ending
- 45 The word?
- 46 Unclose
- 48 Eventual aves



## THE FINAL WORD

# Telephone pranks reduce young men to little boys

By Red Williams  
Panther Staff

It's 1:37 a.m. and you have drifted off into a peaceful night's sleep. Suddenly, the phone rings. You think it could be a family emergency, so you pick up the receiver.

"Hello?" you ask,

sounding half-awake.

"What are you wearing?"

The raspy, breathy voice puzzles you.

"Hello?" you ask again, not believing what you just heard.

"I bet you look good in bed."

"Who is this?" you de-

mand.

"It doesn't matter."

<CLICK>

Ooookaaaay! You hang up the receiver, frustrated and upset.

It's times like this I wonder, "Why did Alexander Bell create the telephone?"

I think the answer is:

**TO TALK TO PEOPLE!**

Come on, folks. You are **COLLEGE STUDENTS** on a **COLLEGE CAMPUS**.

Therefore, your maturity level should go up a tad, don't you think?

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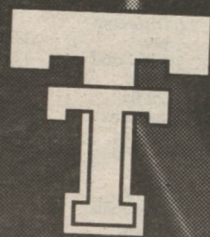
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## It's times like this I wonder, "Why did Alexander Bell create the telephone?"

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Suddenly, the phone rings and you pick up the receiver.

"Hello?" you ask.

"May I speak to Pam, please?"

This time a deep, eerie voice puzzles you.

"I'm sorry. You must have the wrong room," you say in

a nice way.

"OOh, my bad. So, what's your name?"

Sound familiar?

I bet it does.

Fellas, if this is the best way you know how to get a date, then I highly suggest that you remain single for the rest of your lives.

Nowadays, women want a **MAN**, not an immature child.

Prank calling just to get someone to talk to you is showing two characteristics about yourself: no people skills and no home training.

Furthermore, prank calling can leave a woman feeling three different emotions:

**DISTRUST**- A woman wouldn't know who to trust whenever she gives her number to somebody who's claiming to be her friend or somebody to talk to.

**ANGER**- When you prank call a person in the middle of the night, not only will the roommates be upset, but the person who picked up the receiver will be angry as well.

Try being honest when you call somebody. It will save you from being yelled at and a woman from getting a headache.

**AND MOST OF ALL...**

**FEAR**-Yes, you read the word right, **FEAR**.

Prank calling leaves a woman scared to answer her telephone when it rings. The more prank calls she gets, the more scared she will become.

Nobody deserves to feel frightened over a silly game of "**SCREAM 2**" because some idiot decided to pick up the phone and start dialing numbers.

Prank calling is something that needs to stop around our campus. It's stupid, nerve-racking, and a waste of time.

Personally, if you call my room in the middle of the night, prepare to get yelled at.

So, do yourself and the people around you a favor - grow-up because if you did, then you won't be treated like a "Toys R Us" kid.